

Urgent: Student Arrested at Your Office While Making an Appointment

Joseph Hickey <jhick059@gmail.com>

Sat, Dec 12, 2009 at 12:02 PM

Mr. Rock,

As you know, I have contacted you twice this week by e-mail (on Tuesday, Dec. 8) requesting you to revoke the no trespassing notice that I received on Monday, Dec. 7. It is urgent that the notice be revoked immediately so that I can carry out the numerous obligations and activities that I have on campus every day.

I have asked you to recognize that I have a right to all the privileges extended to all registered graduate students, without discrimination or interference, and I have asked you to do the necessary to ensure that my rights be respected.

Yesterday morning, I came to your office to make an appointment with you regarding this no trespassing notice. While discussing with your secretary the procedure involved in making an appointment with you, three protection agents entered the office and asked me to leave. I responded that I am a full-time registered graduate student and have the right to be on campus. They proceeded to forcefully hand-cuff me, while your office door opened and VP Academic François Houle exited. I called in to your office asking you to revoke the no trespassing condition and informing you that Protection agents had placed me in handcuffs.

While I was seated, in handcuffs, between two Protection agents in the lobby of Tabaret Hall, you walked up the steps to the second floor and across the rotunda to your office. As you walked above where I was seated, you looked directly at me and I called to you:

"Mr. Rock will you defend my rights as a student to attend this campus? I'm a full-time registered student. Why aren't you answering me, Mr. Rock? Please respond to my e-mails, please come down here right now and inform Protection to take the handcuffs off."

You made no reply to my plea, and entered your office immediately.

When Constable De Los Santos of the Ottawa Police arrived in Tabaret Hall, I asked him if he had verified that I am a full-time registered student here at the University of Ottawa. He replied that Protection Services had informed him that since I finished an exam for one graduate course on Wednesday, that I am not a student. This is incorrect: I am registered as a graduate student at all times (Thesis registration), I am registered for a course next winter, I am still finishing an assignment for my Advanced Transport Phenomena course (due on Monday), I have to practice experiments in MacDonald Hall for my job as instructor in the first-year physics lab course, and more.

Please remove the no trespassing notice immediately and instruct Protection Services not to arrest me again, and not to give false information to the police.

I await your response.

Joseph Hickey

cc: Gaétan-Philippe Beaulière, Graduate Student Association des Étudiant(e)s Diplômé(e)s (GSAÉD)
cc: Mireille Gervais, Centre de Recours Étudiant(e)s Student Appeals Centre (CRÉSAC)
cc : La Rotonde & The Fulcrum, Student Newspapers
cc: Sean Kelly, President, CUPE2626
cc: Ivan L'Heureux, Research Supervisor
cc: The 5 O'Clock Train, CHUO radio program

Your exam tomorrow

Joseph Hickey <jhick059@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 8, 2009 at 4:50 PM

Mr. Rock,

I received this e-mail from the head of Protection Services, Claude Giroux. I assume you have not yet dealt with this urgent matter.

The no trespassing notice must be revoked because it is a violation of my rights; as I am certain you agree.

I will be attending all of my business as usual on University of Ottawa campus every day.

Joseph Hickey

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From: **Claude J. Giroux** <Claude.Giroux@uottawa.ca>
Date: Tue, Dec 8, 2009 at 4:26 PM
Subject: Your exam tomorrow
To: jhick059@gmail.com

Joseph Hickey,

It is my understanding that you have an exam to write tomorrow. Please understand that your Trespass to Property Act Notice is still valid. You will need to advise me at what time your exam is at tomorrow and which location it is being held on campus so that we can make an exception for you to attend. Also, please inform me if you have any additional exams to write in December.

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Urgent: Student Trespassed from Campus During Exams

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Tue, Dec 8, 2009 at 12:30 PM

Mr. Allan Rock

Yesterday I received a no trespassing notice from Protection Services Agent N. Lavoie declaring that I am prohibited from all lands and buildings owned and operated by the University of Ottawa. Agent Lavoie did not explain to me the reason for this notice.

I am a registered full-time graduate student in the department of physics with course (exam), research, and work obligations that require me to be on campus every day.

This no trespassing notice must be revoked immediately. In the next days I have many on-campus obligations that I will be attending to, including the final exam to my CHG8116: Advanced Transport Phenomena course on Wednesday Dec. 9, a mandatory Teaching Assistant meeting in the Department of Physics on Thursday, Dec. 10, a meeting with my research supervisor Dr. Ivan L'Heureux on Thursday Dec. 10, and more.

As you know, the Trespass to Property Act is not intended to be used for discrimination or political suppression. The Trespass to Property Act is not a tool to be used by the administration to limit student movements and freedom of association or to remove a student's right to education - concepts you will be familiar with via your work with the United Nations.

Please do the necessary to fix this absurd situation created by Protection Services.

Please acknowledge receipt of the present email.

Joseph Hickey

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